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Get to know the speakers

Anne Katrin Bohle

State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community

Anne Katrin Bohle has been a State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community since March 2019. After studying law and political science in Gießen, Münster and Bonn, she held senior management positions at the employment offices of Wuppertal and Dortmund from 1993 to 2003. In 2004, she became chair of the executive board of Eberswalde Employment Agency, and in 2005 she held the same position in Gelsenkirchen Employment Agency. From 2005 to 2009, she headed the Minister's Office at the Ministry of Building and Transport of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia. From 2009 to 2019, she worked as director of urban development and protection of historic monuments at the Ministry for Regional Identity, Communities and Local Government, Building and Gender Equality of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia. And from 2010 to 2019, she was head of the committee for building, urban development and housing set up by the Conference of German Building Ministers.



Source: BMI

Prof. Dr Björn Egner

Expert in housing policy, TU Darmstadt

Björn Egner is an adjunct professor and chair for Methodology in Political Science and Philosophy of Science at the Institute of Political Science at the Technical University (TU) of Darmstadt. He studied political science, history and sociology and obtained his doctorate for his research on the attitudes of German mayors. He gained his postdoctoral qualification with a study on the determinants of public expenditure at federal state level. His research focuses on policy analysis (especially housing policy) and local politics.



Source: TU Darmstadt

Estrella Durá Ferrandis

Member of the European Parliament, Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D)

Estrella Durá has been a Member of the European Parliament and belonged to the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) since 2019. She represents the Spanish Socialist Worker's Party (PSOE).

She graduated in psychology in 1986 from the University of Valencia and obtained her doctorate in 1989. Since 2006, she has been working as a researcher at the Polibienestar Research Institute at the University of Valencia and became a Full Professor in the Department of Personality, Evaluation and Psychological Treatments in 2017.

She specialises in social policy programmes aimed at increasing the quality of life and social welfare of vulnerable groups.



Source: European Union 2019, EP

Dr Marietta Haffner

Expert in conducting European comparative studies in the field of housing, TU Delft

Dr Marietta Haffner has more than 30 years of experience in conducting European comparative studies in the field of housing and has close to a decade of teaching experience at Delft University of Technology. She focuses on financial and economic aspects of housing, including topics such as housing affordability, housing capability, housing tenure, housing policy and equity issues. Since 2019, she has been Editor-in-Chief of Housing Studies, Editor of Ruimte en Wonen, and a Coordination Committee member of the European Network for Housing Research (ENHR).



Source: TU Delft

Dr Claus Michelsen

Head of the Forecasting and Economic Policy Department at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) in Berlin

Since 2013, Dr Claus Michelsen has been head of the Forecasting and Economic Policy Department at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) in Berlin. His research focuses on corporate and property investments, housing market development and housing market policy. Before joining DIW, he worked at the Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH). He studied political science at the University of Erfurt and studied empirical economy and policy consultation at the Martin Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg. In his dissertation he dealt with the energy efficiency of real estate and the effects of housing market policy interventions.



Source: DIW Berlin

Stefan Moser

Head of Unit, Energy Efficiency: Buildings and Products, in the Directorate-General for Energy (DG Energy), European Commission

Stefan Moser was born in Munich in 1971 and trained as an economist and a lawyer. He joined the Commission in 2000 in DG Competition to work on control of state aid to public undertakings and services, notably financial institutions. From 2005 to 2009, he worked in DG Environment on climate and environment policy, notably greenhouse gas emissions trading, transport emissions and air quality. From 2009 to 2015, he dealt with policy coordination in the Secretariat-General, in particular on climate, energy, environment, transport, agriculture and maritime policies. From 2015 onwards, he has served as head of unit in DG Energy, first on energy security and safety, and then on energy efficiency of buildings and products.



Source: European Energy Forum

Martin Vaché

Researcher at the Institut Wohnen und Umwelt (IWU) in the fields of housing markets and policies

Martin Vaché has been working for the Institut Wohnen und Umwelt (institute for housing and environment, IWU) in the fields of housing research, spatial development and energy efficiency since 2011. He focuses on regional housing market research by using spatial-econometrical methods, price valuation and risk assessment in the area of residential property. In addition, he deals with questions regarding urban development policy, energy efficiency and housing policy. He studied architecture and urban development at the Technical University of Munich and graduated as a qualified architectural engineer in 2002. He completed a second degree in economics and real estate. Before joining IWU, he worked in an architecture firm for several years and became a co-founder and head of department of urban planning at a planning and consulting company based in Shanghai.



Source: private

Edmunds Valantis

State Secretary at the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia

Edmunds Valantis has served as State Secretary at the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia since June 2020. He had previously served as Vice-State Secretary at the Economics Ministry from June 2006. He was also Chairman of the Supervisory Board of SJSC Latvenergo from 2019 to 2020 and is a member of the Baldone municipal council's financial committee. Between 2007 and 2016 he worked as the Director of the Department of European Union Structural Funds. For several years he was a project manager and reporter in the areas of port management and the Department of State Investments and Financial Management.

Valantis holds a bachelor's degree in economic port management and a master's degree in transport management from the Institute of Transport and Maritime Management in Antwerp. He has also completed additional training in the fields of navigation and business.



Source: Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia

Volkmar Vogel

Parliamentary State Secretary to the German Federal Minister of the Interior, Building and Community

Volkmar Vogel has been a Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of the Interior, Building and Community since February 2020. He has been a member of the German Bundestag since 2002. He started his career with the multi-national company Carl Zeiss Jena. Shortly after that, he became politically active in the federal state of Thuringia. Although he now works in Berlin, he has not lost his connections to his home region: for instance, he is active in an association that strengthens social contacts in local communities. In his role as State Secretary he represents the political agenda in plenary meetings and committees of the Federal Ministry of Interior, Building and Community – the ministry in charge of drafting the New Leipzig Charter that will be adopted in November 2020.



Source: Deutscher Bundestag/ Marc Steffen Unger

Emmanuelle Wargon

Minister Delegate for Housing, attached to the Ministry for the Ecological Transition in the Castex government of France

Emmanuelle Wargon has served as Minister Delegate for Housing since July 2020. Prior to that, she was Secretary of State to the Minister of Ecological and Solidarity Transition, François de Rugy. Her career began in 1997 as an auditor and subsequently as a referendum advisor at the Court of Audit. She later became deputy director of the French Agency for the Safety of Health Products (AFSSAPS). In 2006, she was appointed deputy director of coordination and internal control at the Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Paris (AP-HP) before serving as director of the cabinet of Martin Hirsch, the High Commissioner for Active Solidarity against Poverty. In 2010, she became Secretary General of the ministries responsible for social affairs (health, work, sports), and from 2012 to 2015 she served as the General Delegate for Employment and Vocational Training (DGEFP). Subsequently, she worked for the Danone group as managing director until becoming State Secretary to the Minister of Ecological and Solidarity Transition.



Source: Stéphane Remael pour «Libération»

Dr Antje Grobe (moderator)

Managing Director of DIALOG BASIS

Dr Antje Grobe is Managing Director of DIALOG BASIS, a science-based dialogue platform for stakeholder involvement and public participation. Her main focus is on climate change issues and energy transition; infrastructure and urban development; and emerging technologies and transformation processes. For more than 25 years she has been facilitating conferences, stakeholder-dialogues, citizen conferences, foresight processes and think tanks on the national and international level on behalf of government bodies, academia, industry and civil society organisations. She obtained her PhD in business ethics at St. Gallen, Switzerland, and studied communication science, economics and politics.



Source: DIALOG BASIS